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1. [] Talked with Representative John O. Marsh regarding the possibility of a breakfast briefing of a number of congressmen on Wednesday, 26 November. I made clear that we would be happy to receive them on condition that Chairman Mahon approved.

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2. [] Received a call from Chairman Mahon of House Appropriations Committee, who said he saw no objection to our providing a breakfast briefing to Representatives Marsh and Talcott and some of their colleagues. Mr. Mahon asked what we had in mind and I said that subject to his approval we thought we would give them a brief rundown on the Agency organization and mission followed by a non-sensitive substantive briefing on current hot spots. Mr. Mahon said he thought this would be entirely agreeable and he was sure that the group would be discreet and responsible.

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3. [] Talked again with Representatives Marsh and Talcott and confirmed Wednesday, 26 November, for the breakfast briefing. (See Memo for Record for details.)

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4. [] Mr. Lamar Alexander, of Mr. Harlow's office in the White House, called to say that since Mr. Harlow and the Director had not had an opportunity to talk about Senator Cooper's request for special clearances for William Miller, of Cooper's staff, Alexander wondered where the matter stood. I told him that following a conversation on the matter with Dr. Kissinger, the Director planned to see Senator Cooper and, without raising security aspects as such, explain that as a matter of policy the Agency could not set the precedent of briefing staff members of individual senators and congressmen on sensitive subjects. Alexander said he was sure this solution would have the support of Harlow and he would tell Harlow about it. He also said he would mention this to Ken BeLieu, who handles Senate liaison for the White House and if we had any further problems in this connection we should call BeLieu.

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10. [] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels who advised that as yet Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, has made no new assignments or adjustments in the Committee staff. Mr. Michaels also advised that he had talked with Representative John Marsh (D., Va.) who indicated that he had talked to Chairman Mahon about a visit to the Agency by himself, Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.), and possibly others. Mr. Michaels had no details on the conversation other than Marsh has talked to the Chairman and will be visiting the Agency.

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11. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him the status of H.R. 14571, a bill to amend the CIA Retirement Act. In response to my questions Mr. Slatinshek indicated that the material I provided him prior to the consideration of the bill by the full Committee answers all questions he can foresee from Committee members or others in taking the bill to the floor. He does not anticipate any difficulty in passage of the bill which is now scheduled on the consent calendar of the House. Mr. Slatinshek also advised that he has reviewed our bill along with others with Mr. Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff. Mr. Braswell likewise foresees little difficulty in handling the bill on the Senate side after passage by the House.

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12. [] Met separately with Mr. John R. Blandford and Mr. Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and briefed them on ChiCom personnel trenches.

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13. [] Met with Mr. Darrell St. Claire, Chief Clerk of the Senate, who has just returned from rather extensive travels with Senate designees to the Commonwealth Parliamentarian Meeting. He feels that the Agency might be interested in reviewing with him some of his observations of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee visit to Nepal and Pakistan. As he was pressed for time, it was decided we would talk further the first of the week on a possible debriefing meeting later in the week. 25X1A

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Wednesday - 19 November 1969

25X1 1. [] Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that he and Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.) had separately raised with Chairman Mahon, of the Appropriations Committee, the possibility of bringing some of their colleagues to the Agency for a breakfast briefing. According to Marsh, Mahon had told them both that he thought this would be a good idea and he would call the Agency about it. I explained to Marsh that we would prefer to let the matter rest until the Chairman did call since we wanted to be quite sure we handled the matter in accordance with his wishes. Marsh said this would be satisfactory with him but that he hoped that we could go ahead on 26 November, since Talcott had already mentioned the possibility to Representatives Wyatt (R., Oreg.), Wyman (R., N.H.), and McDade (R., Penna.). Marsh said he had not contacted any of his Democratic colleagues and would hold off until he heard from us.

25X1 2. [] Advised Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) that Mr. Maury had made extensive checks in the Executive Branch including the Department of State and the Department of Defense and was unable to find the existence of any approval procedure or mechanism covering National Science Foundation's use of counterpart funds for research purposes. Marsh thanked us for looking into this and again expressed his opinion that there should be such a mechanism.

25X1 3. [] Hand carried to Mr. George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, an Agency report entitled: West European Gas Centrifuge Development. This was provided by
25X1A [] of OSI, by way of followup to his briefing of Murphy on this subject.

25X1 4. [] Saw William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and advised him of the Director's appearance before the Symington Subcommittee with Ambassador Unger on Monday, pointing out that the Director was not called upon.

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25X1 15. [REDACTED] Tried to get in touch with Roger Majak, Legislative Assistant to Representative Jonathan Bingham (D., N. Y.), to close out his request of 29 October concerning Agency contact with Members of Congress, but was unable to talk with him.

25X1 16. [REDACTED] Met with Representatives John O. Marsh and Burt Talcott, of the House Appropriations Committee. The meeting was arranged by Mr. Marsh who said Mr. Talcott had indicated an interest in developing closer contact with the Agency. Items discussed included:

a. Security aspects of release of counterpart funds for scientific research by Communist Bloc governments.

b. CIA relations with Congress in event of war or disaster necessitating relocation from Washington.

c. The Green Beret Case.

d. Possibility of breakfast meeting with junior members of House Appropriations Committee. (See Memo for Record.)

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25X1 4. [] Talked with Miss Laura Matz, Personal Secretary to Senator Joseph Tydings (D., Md.), about the Senator's request to the Director regarding an Agency contract employee. I told Miss Matz we were looking into this and would be back in touch with the Senator very shortly. She said this would be fine.

25X1 5. [] After talking to Mr. George Carver, SAVA, and with the Director's approval, I called Mr. Carl Blake, Administrative Assistant to Representative Donald Riegle, to say that Mr. Carver was not available on 11 November to brief Representatives Riegle and McCloskey but could brief them on Monday afternoon, 10 November, or in the morning on Thursday or Friday, 13 or 14 November. Mr. Blake said probably Monday afternoon would be best but he would call back.

25X1 6. [] In response to his request, I provided Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, with a list of the Agency briefings on Laos given the CIA Subcommittees which Senator Fulbright attended or could have attended.

25X1 7. [] Met with Mr. Walter Mote, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, who told me that a Mr. John E. Bennett of Warsaw, Indiana, who is apparently with one of the Indianapolis papers, had been by the office during the day and was interested in visiting the Agency to discuss "secret agreements with foreign nations." Mr. Bennett advised that he had interviewed Senators J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), and others. Mr. Mote suggested to him that he not visit the Agency but that he contact the Department of State and other points in the Government where unclassified information would be available. Mr. Mote does not think Mr. Bennett will be bothering us. Mr. Goodwin has been advised.

25X1 8. [] Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that he will be with the Committee during the next few weeks and that he will be continuing in pretty much the same role until such time as the Chairman designates a successor.

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25X1 3. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him on:

- a. Recent developments regarding a Soviet naval missile.
- b. Soviet ICBM deployment.
- c. Soviet MRV tests.
- d. Developments regarding Soviet air-to-surface missiles.

In discussing the Director's appearance before the Symington Subcommittee, Woodruff commented that he thought "several pluses" had resulted--especially that the hearings established for the record that, in matters such as the Laos operation, the Agency acts strictly under the control and direction of the National Security Council and the White House. (See Memo for the Record.)

Recalling that the Director's last testimony before the CIA Subcommittee was in June, Woodruff commented that there has since been a number of important developments in Soviet weaponry and Chairman Russell might like to get an updated briefing on these before the Senate votes on the defense appropriations bill which is now pending. Woodruff asked that we provide him with a list of these developments on the basis of which he could raise the possibility of a briefing with Chairman Russell.

25X1 4. [] Met with Representative George Andrews and provided him with information on Soviet medical training and Soviet ship design personnel in response to questions raised at our 29 October appearance before the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee of which Andrews is a member.

Regarding Mr. Andrews' question about a "warehouse" in Saigon full of blackmarket U.S. PX items, I said we had been unable to identify this particular activity from his description, and pointed out that the blackmarket problem did not come within the Agency's jurisdiction. I said that some blackmarket activity in that part of the world was of course inevitable although we understood that, due to recent revelations and efforts to tighten up by local authorities, it was not as bad as formerly. I told Mr. Andrews that if he wished we would try to pursue the matter further on the basis of any additional information he could provide, but he said this was not necessary.

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